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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2008, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-20, in part, drawn to a method of genotype comprising RNA or DNA from connexion 26. Applicants further provisionally elect SEQ ID NO: 1 as the elected sequence for continued prosecution.

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